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## Notice

Our friends will now address us at 940 Van Buren Street, Chicago.

We have had the experience of moving in Chicago, and we can say, that we are just as tired, and the stove pipe didn't fit any better, and the general atmosphere on moving day was no sweeter than on other times and places where we have experienced the diversion. But it is now over, and in another week our mission will have been removed to a neat hall which is now being fitted up on purpose for it. The move is made to decrease our expenses, and at the same time it gives us a better place for the work. Will write more next week. Work going as usual. Pray for us.

J. O. TALLEY.

## Kanemorado Echoes

Thursday, April 6, we boarded the train via Ft. Scott for Great Bend, Barton Co., Kans., to visit and hold a few meetings with brother Jas. Paxton, and the isolated members in that vicinity. Having written to them when they could meet me at the Bend. Expected to be met with conveyance for Seward, twelve miles south in Stafford Co., near the home of Brother Paxton. But Uncle Sam or some of his well fed clerks had failed in delivering my message, and I found myself in the dilemma of securing a conveyance. Good fortune smiling upon me, I was introduced to a good Kentucky brother of Color, a friend Quaker by persuasion who kindly proposed to convey me to the place I was billed for. The ride was an entertaining one. He discoursed very freely upon his experience in his religious life, and was really entertaining. Reached my destination, but no appointment having been announced, I rested over night and on the morrow proceeded to get the word out

in the community, and in the evening began work. We remained with them eight days and had very good meeting tho the attendance was small, owing to the busy season. Corn planting was the order and detracted much from the attendance. These members have been much neglected, tho not very far distant from some of our ministering brethren.

From the Nickerson church they are not more than forty or forty five miles. In this church lives our ministering Brethren Beer and Gibson, whom we feel should visit them at least once a month, inasmuch as they propose paying railroad expenses, and to reasonably remunerate for their time. I do not wish to dictate for these brethren, but a little more consecration and self denial is needful. Home is a pleasant place, but we are all anticipating a home beyond, and possibly we may attach so much importance to the one here as to impair our prospects for the one above. If we are the servants of Christ let us give ourselves partly, "if not wholly to it." "Woe is me if I preach not the gospel," was Paul's version of the matter and certainly a very good one. Secular interests in too many instances dominate the spiritual instead of the spiritual dominating the secular. At this writing am at South Haven, Kans., for a few days. We shall hold a love feast with the brethren at this place, before leaving them, the first held in this for several years. From here we shall, the Lord willing, go into the strip near Sibley and hold some meetings and conclude with a love feast. Brethren of Kanemorado District, pray for us.

A. J. HIXSON, D. E.

South Haven.

## Enlisting For Life

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Many of my readers may be agitating the question in their minds, Ought I to enlist publicly in the service of Jesus Christ and unite with his church? A vitally important question this for all who are considering it; a very important one also for parents or teachers to whom the young may apply for counsel in regard to such a decisive step. An immense majority of those who unite with our churches by confession of faith, are under twenty-five years of age. The impulsiveness and inexperience of youth are elements of danger; on the other hand, the fact that the young have not yet rooted down so deeply into old habits of sin, is an element of hopeful encouragement. Every pastor can find on his muster-roll more or less names of those who enlisted for Christ and then drifted away as deserters. The list of the wounded and "missing" is sadly large in almost every large church. The time for careful inspection on the part of a pastor and for thorough self inspection on the part of the candidate is the time of enlistment.

The first question of all with you, my friend, if you propose such an important step is this: Have I joined my heart to the Lord

Jesus Christ? Have I been born into a new life by his Spirit? Have I found in him what my soul most needs, and surrendered that soul, without any reservations, to his keeping and control? The heart union to Christ must precede any public union with his church. If you will turn to an unnoticed incident in Old Testament history, you will see an illustration of what I mean. Ittai of Gath, a blunt honest soldier, led his regiment of Gittites in review before King David at a very critical time during Absalom's rebellion. The old king frankly and generously tells him that there is danger ahead if he enlists for the campaign. But the plucky Philistine has so knit his heart to the exiled monarch that his prompt reply is: "As the Lord liveth and as my lord the King liveth, surely in what place my lord the King shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will thy servant be." That solemn oath of loyalty came from the heart. If others turn traitors, Ittai means to *stick*. He can die for the "old flag," but he will never desert. A few days later on, and the body guard of Gittites with the valiant Ittai at their head, march back triumphantly into Jerusalem, bringing the exiled David to his palace and his throne.

The prime essential with you is that you shall put your Savior just where that loyal soldier put his sovereign—in the core of your heart. You must be ready to say "wherever Christ leads, I will follow; whatever he commands, I will obey." For bear in mind that the chief thing you do when you enlist in Christ's service is not to subscribe to a system of sound doctrine (important tho that may be) but to confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord and to pledge to him lifelong loyalty and obedience. You join your weakness to his strength, your ignorance to his wisdom, your unworthiness to his merits, your interests to his oversight, your poverty to his resources, your whole self to his service. If you do that sincerely, Christ be-

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